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"Ensuring Hutto's Safety" #4 Re-Cap

On Thursday, July 30, the "Ensuring Hutto's Safety" series continued with a special presentation from <u>The Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM)</u> Director Thomas Wieczorek. CPSM is a nationally recognized consulting firm that advises cities across the globe on trends and data analysis. CPSM also helps identify and develop public safety opportunities from a management perspective. Mr. Wieczorek has an extensive background and has served as a police officer, firefighter, fire chief, director of public safety, and city manager before retiring in June 2005.

Mr. Wieczorek started the presentation by asking the question, "What do [cities] do with the next generation of public safety? Obviously tradition has guided a lot of what we do, but are there better ways?"

By researching and merging City calculations, citizen expectations and careful measuring and mapping, communities can craft customized public safety plans that not only meet current needs but also have the potential to grow.

"[Hutto is] on the verge of a much greater level of growth than what you've already seen, but you still have a pretty blank canvas. You have a lot of opportunity to do a lot of different things that many communities wish that they could do."

According to Mr. Wieczorek, the key to designing a public safety plan is knowing your risks. By knowing what's at stake, cities can design a comprehensive approach to meet the needs of the community. One example is a focused effort on fire prevention. Public education and fire safety demonstrations can lead to fewer fires, thus cutting costs. By tracking data and implanting strategies, cities can continuously improve and save tax dollars that can be invested elsewhere.

A video of this presentation can be seen on Hutto Television (cable channel 10 for Time Warner subscribers). and at <u>youtube.com/HuttoTX</u>.

Previous discussions in the series have included the Hutto Police Department, Williamson County Dispatch and Emergency Medical Services. Series re-caps can be found at huttotx.gov/safetyseries.

A presentation with Williamson County ESD #3 (Hutto Fire Rescue) will take place on August 20, 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

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